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MEDIA ADVISORY

Montana's Road to the 2010 Census

**U.S. Census Bureau Regional Director to Discuss Importance of 2010
Census Planning with Montana Officials**

(HELENA) – U.S. Census Bureau Regional Director Cathy Illian and staff will meet with Montana officials to discuss planning for the 2010 Census at the State Capitol, Tuesday May 8, at 10:00 a.m. The “Montana’s Road to the 2010 Census” event will kick-off a series of statewide workshops for state, local and tribal governments.

This will be the first statewide “Road to the 2010 Census” event held in the western United States. Census officials will address the unique challenges surrounding data collection in our rural state, and outline the importance of accurate data collection as it relates to state and federal funding for local governments.

WHO:

- **U.S. Census Bureau Denver Regional Director, Assistant Regional Director, Lead Geographer & Public Information Officer**
- **Representatives for Rep. Denny Rehberg & Sen. Jon Tester**
- **Representatives for Gov. Brian Schweitzer & Sec. of State Brad Johnson**

- **Montana Department of Commerce Director Anthony Preite**
- **Representatives for State, Local & Tribal governments**

WHAT: “Montana’s Road to the 2010 Census” Planning Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, May 8 @ 10:00 AM

WHERE: Room 137, State Capitol

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